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SUBJECT: CSCE CONFIDENCE BUILDING MEASURES: FRG INQUIRIES
ABOUT WARSAW PACT ATTACHE VISIT TO FORT LEWIS

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1. FOR EMBASSY BONN: IN RESPONSE TO FRG EMBASSY QUERY
STIMULATED BY PRESS ACCOUNT, WE HAVE INFORMED FRG EMBASSY
OFFICIALS MAY 20 IN WASHINGTON THAT THE US ARMY LIAISON
OFFICE ATTEMPTS EVERY FEW YEARS TO INDUCE WARSAW PACT
STATES TO UPGRADE THE ACTIVITIES OF OUR ATTACHES BY
INVITING THE WASHINGTON MILITARY ATTACHES TO VISIT SELECTED
U.S. MILITARY UNITS REPEAT UNITS. THE ATTACHES OF WARSAW
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PACT COUNTRIES VISITED FORT LEWIS, WASHINGTON, FROM
MAY 5-6. THE GDR DOES NOT HAVE A MILITARY ATTACHE
ACCREDITED HERE. THEY SAW THE NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION IN
ITS HEADQUARTERS. THEY WITNESSED NO MANEUVER OR EXERCISE.
THEY DID SEE NORMAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING A FIVE-MILE RUN
PHYSICAL TRAINING SESSION. NO FURTHER SUCH VISITS ARE
PLANNED AT THIS TIME. IF WP NATIONS RECIPROCATATE WITH

SIMILAR COURTESIES, IT IS LIKELY WE WOULD THEN RESPOND ACCORDINGLY.

2. FOR USNATO: MISSION SHOULD NOTE THE ATTACHE VISIT IN POLADS, AND INFORM THE ALLIES THAT WE CONSIDER THIS VISIT TO BE IN THE SPIRIT OF THE FINAL ACT LANGUAGE ON EXCHANGES OF MILITARY PERSONNEL. WE HOPE THAT IT WILL ELICIT MORE AND INCREASINGLY INFORMATIVE WP INVITATIONS FOR WESTERN ATTACHES TO VISIT PACT UNITS. FYI: THE FINAL ACT OF THE CSCE DOES NOT COVER NORTH AMERICA FOR PURPOSES OF NOTIFICATIONS OF MANEUVERS AND INVITATIONS TO OBSERVERS. IT REFERS, RATHER, TO THE TERRITORY OF SIGNATORY STATES IN EUROPE OR WITHIN 250 KILOMETERS OF THEIR EUROPEAN FRONTIERS. END FYI.

3. FOR NATO CAPITALS: EMBASSIES MAY DRAW ON THE ABOVE SHOULD YOU BE QUERIED ON PRESS OR OTHER REPORTS OF AN UNANNOUNCED U.S. INVITATION TO "OBSERVERS".

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